James Gunn

Rushworth Chronicle

SUDDEN DEATH.

A very sudden death occurred at Rushworth on Sunday last, an old age pensioner named James Gunn dropping dead in High St.

Deceased, having had tea with his sister (Mrs Branson) on Sunday evening, went for a walk down the street, and when opposite the rotunda was seen to stand for a moment and then fall. On going to pick him up, Mr A. Dowling was shocked to find the old man, to all appearances, dead. He communicated with the police, and when Senior-Constable Harris arrived he could see that life was extinct.

The body was taken to the Criterion hotel and the Coroner, on being notified, considered an inquest unnecessary, as Dr Heily was able to certify as to the cause of death.

An order for burial was given, and the remains were interred on Tuesday, Mr E. F. Anderson having charge of the mortuary arrangements.

The deceased was 89 years of age, 72 years of which had been spent in Victoria, thus he was a relic of the early Australian forties, and had known this country before the discovery of gold made it famous-a time when the population was largely comprised of convicts and bushrangers.